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FIELD DAY PLANS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Commercial Club Workers Will Get Busy Tuesday

Personnel of Committees Named By President Rhodes Insures Success.

WILL MEET TOMORROW NIGHT.

Tuesday, March 26, has been selected as field day for the Paducah Commercial club. The city will be divided into 17 districts and President H. C. Rhodes has named a committee to canvass each district for members, choosing for this committee work the most progressive workers in Paducah. With these men in charge of the work there is no doubt that the Commercial club membership will be wonderfully increased that day.

The committees will meet tomorrow night at the Commercial club rooms at 7:30 o'clock.

The committees, assigned to the various districts, follow:

Broadway and Jefferson and First and Second streets—S. A. Fowler, chairman; C. W. Morrison, Percy Paxton, S. T. Randle, George H. Goodman.

Broadway, Second, Jefferson and Third streets—J. A. Rudy, chairman; Mohr Michael, Frank Boone, J. N. Englert, Fred Roth.

Broadway, Third, Jefferson and Fourth streets—H. L. Meyer, chairman; L. Kolb, Will Young, H. G. Thompson, J. A. Kenelska.

Broadway, Fourth, Jefferson and Fifth streets—Ben Welle, chairman; Thomas W. Roberts, Lee D. Potter, Ed Hannon, J. S. Lanham.

Broadway, Fifth, Jefferson and Sixth streets—W. P. Hummel, chairman; W. V. Eaton, Herbert Jeffries, Henry Biederman, C. E. Jennings.

Broadway, First, Kentucky avenue and Second streets—H. A. Peter, chairman; C. C. Clark, Dave Levy, Frank Kirchoff, Jr., F. H. Jones.

Broadway, Second, Kentucky avenue and Third streets—Chas. De Weatheren, chairman; Dave Levy, J. L. Wolf, Gus Thompson, M. Solomon.

Broadway, Third, Kentucky avenue and Fourth streets—L. L. Bebout, chairman; Dave Van Cullin, Ell Guthrie, U. G. Gullette, John W. Ogilvie.

Broadway, Fourth, Kentucky avenue and Fifth streets—H. C. Rhodes, chairman; Wallace Weil, J. W. Gleaves, A. M. Sanderson, W. Garrett.

Broadway, Fifth, Kentucky avenue and Ninth streets—F. L. Scott, chairman; Joseph Desberger, E. W. Bockman, L. F. Huggs, Dr. G. B. Froage.

Kentucky avenue First, Norton and Third streets—E. K. Bonds, chairman; Will Farley, J. A. Kenelska, H. Kamletter, James Glauber, J. W. Orr.

Kentucky avenue, Third, Norton and Ninth streets—Edward Thurman, chairman; Thomas Barry, J. A. Gardner, F. D. Rodfus, Joseph Miller.

Broadway, Ninth, Norton and city limits—L. W. Henneberger, chairman; James Segenfelder, Jacob Marks, Joseph Yeiser, Claude Johnson.

Norton street, Tent, Union depot and city limits—Frank F. Davis, chairman; H. S. Wells, J. D. Bacon, Charles Houser, Edward Cohen.

Mechanicsburg—A. J. Decker, chairman; Jesse Gilbert, W. L. Bower, E. Roos, Jr., Walter Smith.

River, Jefferson, Ninth and Campbell—Jake Wallerstein, chairman; Ed J. Paxton, John D. Gibbs, Olie Overstreet, W. A. Martin.

Jefferson, Ninth, Terrell and City Limits—J. W. Hughes, chairman; Henry Smith, Wm. Voor, P. D. Fitzpatrick, J. C. Maret.

SHANTYBOATERS MUST MOVE FROM THE LAND

An order for shantyboaters to move from the rear of John D. Smith's residence, Madison and Third streets, has been served on them, and if it is not heeded, arrests for trespass will follow. Prof. Smith has been bothered for years by these people who moor their boats higher as the water rises. Several have been left on dry land by the receding water, and to preclude this Prof. Smith leased all property in the rear of his home so as to enable him to reach shantyboaters in court.

WEATHER FORECAST.



Generally fair tonight and Thursday. Warmer Thursday. Highest temperature yesterday, 81; lowest to day, 54.

STRIKE IMMINENT.

Chicago, March 20.—Trainmen and conductors on all railroads running west of Chicago have by an overwhelming majority rejected the advance in wages offered by railroads and have voted to strike if necessary to enforce the demands. Unless the railroads recede from their position there will be a strike of 50,000 men, which would practically tie up every road in the west. The men refuse a ten per cent increase and demand 12 per cent an dan eight-hour day.

JEWISH OUTRAGES.

Vienna, March 20.—Jews are fleeing by thousands from Roumania in fear of their lives. Peasants are in revolt in that country and hundreds of Jews are robbed and driven from their homes. Many were killed or brutally treated. Russian agitators are held responsible for the outrages.

REVENGE OF THIEF.

Oakland, Cal., March 20.—An attempt was made last night to annihilate the family of Judge Ogden, of the superior court, and wreck his residence with a huge dynamite bomb. The front of the house was torn out but nobody was injured. It is supposed the crime was the work of a young thief the judge sent to prison two years ago.

HOLD-UP MAN KILLED.

Chicago, March 20.—Vincent Carney, an alleged hold-up man, was shot and fatally injured this morning as the climax of a night of crime during which many depreciations were reported. Carney was shot in a revolver battle, following the robbery of a saloon.

BELGIAN CRISIS.

Brussels, March 20.—Details of the crisis between King Leopold and his cabinet is of so serious a nature as to cause the monarch again to consider abdication, are being received here. The crisis is the outgrowth of the government's intention to probe the relations of the king and Congo Free State, and his financial administration.

RISE AT PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, March 20.—The river stage today is 21 feet and slowly rising. It is thought the water will not go above 22 feet. The repetition of last week's disastrous flood is not anticipated. Thunder storms were general last night throughout the river valley and rainfall heavy.

FATHER COLLAPSES.

Dover, Del., March 20.—Dr. Horace Marvin collapsed at his home today when informed that his son, Dr. E. H. Marvin, had been killed in a battle at the front.

TOWN DESTROYED.

Chico, Cal., March 20.—The village of Dreadful was entirely destroyed by the Feather river. More than 200 men, women and children were driven to take refuge in trees and house-tops, where they were exposed to rain and cold 48 hours. Small boats rescued many. One capsized and seven were drowned. Fifty people are yet on the island suffering intensely.

CRIME EPIDEMIC IN PADUCAH NOW

Police Are Exercising Great Vigilance

Safe Robbery, Burglaries, Attempted Arson and Hold-Ups Are Perpetrated in City.

"STICK UP" MAN USES A CLUB.

Safe blowers, sneak thieves, assassins, fire bugs and highwaymen have played prominently in the limelight in Paducah during the past several weeks, and policemen are on the alert to intercept any suspicious characters seen prowling the streets during the night.

The looting of several groceries and saloons several weeks ago was followed closely by the blowing of O. Denker's safe and a duel with revolvers between the safe blowers and patrolmen. Next came numerous reports of sneak thieves, and two nights ago a rock was thrown through a north side residence window and the house set afire. Following close came an attempted hold up by a man armed with a big club.

Walter Scott, known as "Shorty, the tamale man," was the intended victim, but fortunately escaped. He was going home last night when accosted. Scott resides over Solomon's tailoring shop, 113 South Third street; and it was after midnight when he neared the entrance to the stairs leading to his rooms, and noticed a dark shadow, which turned out to be a man with a large club, dodge into the doorway of Solomon's tailor shop and huddle close to the door. Scott's stairway is a few feet to the north and when he entered the "stickup" man demanded: "Wait a minute, you, I want to see you."

"I did not want to see him, and mounted my stairs four steps at a time," said Scott.

Since the safe blowing Chief Collins has cautioned his men to "keep moving" and two suspicious characters arriving two days ago have been closely watched by detectives and uniformed patrolmen alike.

While Samuel Smith, a potter residing at 1225 Bernheim avenue, was sitting at home with his family Monday night some one threw a large stone through the window. When an investigation of the premises was made a fire on the back porch was found, but it was extinguished without the aid of the fire department.

GLASS PLANT IS LARGER THAN AT FIRST PROPOSED

Harry M. Finley, owner of the glass plant, now being erected in Mechanicsburg, states that the plant will be one-third larger than anticipated, and instead of employing 130 men, probably will employ 170 men with a corresponding increase in the pay roll. The first glass will be made about June 1.

CHARTER AMENDMENT CASE ADVANCED ON THE DOCKET

City Solicitor Campbell, who went to Frankfort with briefs in the ex parte proceedings to determine the constitutionality of the charter amendment, fixing the minimum police force at 30 men, has had his case docketed for the present term, advanced and submitted. He will return today.

BASKET FACTORY STRIKE SETTLED

The strike at the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket factory in Mechanicsburg ended this morning when the force returned to work. The manager had taken the forces off three lathes, as he thought he could run at present without the entire lathes department in operation. This threw several helpers out of work and the strike resulted. Manager Smith made a short talk to the men, promising to employ the entire force when the work increases sufficiently, and this was satisfactory to employees. The plant had been closed three months, because of lack of material. The strike lasted two days.

AN EASTER FLING.



The Bluebird (tutting Mrs. Robin): "Dear me, out again in the same old red and brown combination! Don't you know the blues and grays are the only thing this spring?"

—Bartholomew in Minneapolis Journal.

ODD FELLOWS MAY BUY SCHOOL SITE

Committee Has Been Investigating Fifth Street and Kentucky Avenue Property and May Consider Price

JEFFERSON STREET CORNER.

Will a sale of the Longfellow school property at Fifth street and Kentucky avenue be effected?

Yesterday a committee of Odd Fellows with tape line and yard stick silently toured the Longfellow school yard taking measurements. Nothing was said in answer to inquiries, but hints dropped indicate that the Odd Fellows are seriously considering the property. The price asked by the board is \$27,000.

The local lodges of Odd Fellows recently sold their interest in the Fraternity building, and announced that a new home would be secured. Sites were inspected and priced, and valuations suddenly jumped. It is known that the lodges desire to build a structure from which revenue may be derived, and a better location for a big store house with office apartments and lodge room, could not be found.

Members of the lodge will not talk on the subject, but one member of the school board, who is also a lodge member was closely interrogated as to the price and conditions of sale.

Another site the Odd Fellows have been negotiating for, is the fine corner at Sixth and Jefferson streets, owned by Mr. William Katterjohn. It is understood that this lot is held at a figure between \$8,000 and \$11,000. The lot has 115 feet front length on Jefferson street.

TRAIN FEELS ITS WAY THROUGH BACKWATERS.

A stretch of water 25 miles long standing several inches over the tracks, delayed the Cincinnati-New Orleans flyer this morning three hours, and when the train pulled into Paducah a dozen hungry travelers charged on the lunch stand. Five hungry passengers were left in the lunch room when the delayed train pulled out.

Captain John Webb, the Paducah traveling man, was a passenger out of Cincinnati. "We came through 25 miles of backwater, feeling our way, and the trip was a tedious one." The train got here at 7 o'clock.

Special Passes Through.

This morning at 2 o'clock a special train running as the first section of No. 103, on the Illinois Central, south bound, passed through Paducah carrying homeseekers to the south and southwest.

Paducah Day at Jamestown.

Mayor Yeiser has forwarded to the Commercial club and the retail merchants' association the invitation from the governors of the Jamestown exposition the invitation to name a Paducah day.

TALKS OF BEAUTIFUL TO SCHOOL STUDENTS

Prof. S. H. Clark, of Chicago university, gave a short, informal talk to the High school pupils just before noon today. Prof. Clark brought out "Conscious thinking and conscious feeling", as the chief points of his short address. In short he said: "The supreme fact of the whole universe is today and not tomorrow. The man who waits to have a good time tomorrow will be dead by that time. Think of your opportunities today. The absence of beauty he aptly applied to the school rooms, and how by little work the present condition might be improved. When you do not have any thing beautiful to think over you are descending and not ascending."

CAPTAIN JOE B. FLASCH IS ILL AT NEW ORLEANS.

Captain Joe B. Flasch, business manager of the marine engineers, is precariously ill in New Orleans, where he went some time ago on business for the organization. Yesterday afternoon a telegram announcing his serious condition was received by his wife, and she left at 6 o'clock to be at his bedside. No details of his illness were received, and many anxious friends are awaiting tidings of his recovery. Captain Flasch is one of the most popular river men in southern waters.

STRIKE SERIOUS.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 20.—The strike of employees of the Kingston Coal company promises to tie up three collieries operated by the company, and has thrown nearly 4,000 men into idleness. The trouble started through the installation of new breaker machinery, which dispensed with the labor of several men.

GRAIN MARKET.

Cincinnati, March 20.—Wheat 79; corn, 49 1/2; oats, 47.

BOILER EXPLODES.

Birmingham, Ala., March 20.—Six persons, five of them negroes, were killed today by the explosion of a boiler in the Woodwards iron furnace. The cause of the accident is unknown.

JEROME ASKS FOR LUNACY INQUEST

New York, March 20.—A lunacy inquest to determine the mental status of Harry Thaw, was asked for by District Attorney Jerome today.

Jerome's request was made climaxing a morning of legal fencing over the admission of the testimony of Dr. Hamilton, an alienist, retained by the defense and taken over by the state when Thaw's attorneys learned he was still insane. Jerome was careful to explain that the inquiry was to be for the court's own guidance. The court took the matter under advisement and the jury was excused until Friday morning.

JAIL DELIVERY IS FRUSTRATED

Turnkey Murray Howle Discovers Trusty Digging Hole in the Wall

JAMES TAYLOR IS SURPRISED.

Charles Kellock, Safe Blower, Instigator of Plot, Fought Duel With Police.

SPECIAL PRECAUTION TAKEN.

Acuteness of hearing of Murray (Bud Howle, turnkey at the county jail, prevented a wholesale jail delivery this morning. But for Howle's discovery of James Taylor, white, a trusty, digging a hole in the wall, the jail would have been empty. Taylor performed the actual work, but the incentive came from Charles Kellock, the desperate safe blower, who with two companions fought a duel with Patrolmen Dick Wood and Billy Orr two weeks ago, after they had cracked the safe in Denker's saloon, Eighth and Harrison streets.

James Taylor is serving a term of fifteen months for sodomy. His time is nearly out and Jailer Eaker gave him the liberty of the corridor, outside the cells, that he might attend to the turning off and on steam heat, and report any irregularity. Taylor had always conducted himself well.

When Kellock was arrested he and James Taylor struck up a comradeship. They often talked together and it is said, and not denied by Taylor, that Kellock gained his confidence, and planned the job.

The Discovery. Murray Howle sleeps at the jail downstairs, in a room opening into the hall. He made a tour of the jail last night before retiring and found everything in good condition. Taylor had been left in the corridor, Howle retired early and was lying in his bed dozing when he was brought to his full senses by a tapping sound. He looked at his watch and it was 9 o'clock. The sound continued, and suspecting something wrong, the turnkey dressed and placed his ear at the big door. The sound came from within. Armed with his revolver he went inside and found Taylor stooping at the west wall, the back wall of the jail, on the ground floor, digging diligently away at the wall with an iron hook, and had loosened the mortar around four bricks and had removed one brick from the wall.

Surprised by the sudden appearance of Turnkey Howle Taylor was at first unable to speak. Howle took charge of him and his tool and summoned Jailer James Eaker. Taylor was questioned but refused to confess that any other had a hand in the matter. This morning a negro prisoner confessed to Jailer Eaker that he knew of the matter and that Kellock, the safe blower, engineered the deal. Taylor was confronted but would not say anything.

The Tool Used. Taylor used in his work an iron hook about one-half inch in diameter and eight inches long, taken from

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MATINEE CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS AT MEETING

Gus Thompson, president, and George Goodman secretary and treasurer, was the result of an election held by the Matinee club yesterday. The club was organized for private horse racing at the fair grounds which have been leased for this purpose.

REDISTRICTING ACT IS INVALID

Frankfort, March 20.—(Special) The redistricting act of 1906 was declared illegal by the court of appeals today, Judge Barker delivering the opinion. The Ninety-sixth legislative district, composed of the Eleventh ward of Louisville, is affected by the ruling. School Trustee Martin J. Cusick and Dr. C. T. Pope lose their places. This district was carved out of the Fifty-first, composed of the Eleventh and Twelfth wards.